

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Communication Committee Minutes

DATE: October 11, 2017

LOCATION: Branford High School Lower Media Center
Branford, CT

SUBJECT: Communication Committee

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ATTENDANCE

| HERE | ATTENDEE | AFFILIATION |
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| Y | Joanne Borrus, Chair | Board of Education |
| Y | Judith Hotz | Board of Education |
| Y | Michael Krause, CIC | Board of Education |
| N | Maria Ehrhardt | Board of Education |
| N | Dr. Kate Marsland | Board of Education |
| N | John O'Connor | Board of Education |
| Y | John Prins | Board of Education |
| Y | Elizabeth Regan | Board of Education |
| Y | Shannen Sharkey | Board of Education |
| N | Emily Borst | Student Representative |
| N | Madison Daniels | Student Representative |
| N | Jayleen Flores | Student Representative |
| N | GianCarlo Giannini | Student Representative |
| N | Lisa Kroeber | Student Representative |
| N | William Riggs | Student Representative |
| N | Daniel Shamas | Student Representative |
| Y | Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent | Central Office |
| Y | Dr. Anthony Buono, Assistant Superintendent | Central Office |

Others present:

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 5:07 P.M. by Committee Chair Borrus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

02 Motion (Krause/Prins) to approve minutes from the September 6, 2017 Communication Committee Meeting. APPROVED 3-0, Ms. Hotz abstained from the vote.

DISCUSSION

03

A. WIS Update

Superintendent Hernandez provided an update for the WIS construction project. He stated that a special board meeting will be held Nov. 29 to approve the construction docs, to ensure the design meets ed specifications and is within budget. There has been no word from the State on budget approval, however we are continuing as if the project will be funded.

The large gym and locker rooms were reopened, HVAC repairs and cleaning were completed on the auxiliary gym and pool; testing will take place 10/16 and if tests come out within limits, those spaces will be reopened ASAP. Superintendent Hernandez commended Langdon, Colliers and Antinozzi Associates on their diligence, and especially commended Joe Carbone and the facilities staff who have done the work to reopen the gyms.

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B. National School Climate Survey

Superintendent Hernandez discussed the National School Climate Survey. He stated although the state a limited number of questions on the climate survey, the district expanded its survey. The administration has engaged with the National School Climate Center to see if our survey could be enhanced and expanded while maintaining the state mandated questions. More information is coming.

ADJOURNMENT

04 Ms. Borrus, Committee Chair, adjourned the meeting at 5:20 P.M.

The next Communication Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017
at 6:00 PM Meeting at Branford High School, Lower Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Regan, Secretary